

DM- 706

30 March 1959

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Sheldon,  
Mr. Gates Lloyd, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes,  
Dr. Kent, [ ]

MR. DULLES:

a. Noted a letter he had received from Admiral Burke in which "all assistance" of the Navy is offered in any programs or projects CIA may have or plan in [ ]. The Director commented he had discussed Admiral Burke's letter with him and stated that he desired to spend most of the time at the next quarterly briefing of the JCS on the subject of [ ].

b. Asked DD/P to prepare a three or four-page report on CIA activities in [ ] which he plans to send to the President before 2 April.

c. Noted a cable from [ ] concerning [ ] request that one of our people assigned to the Station there ( [ ] be recalled and commented that [ ] was an excellent operator and he did not want anything to happen to him. He also said that we should take with a grain of salt [ ] advice and comments on replacements for high positions in the [ ] services since what he had given us heretofore had tended to tie us a bit when followed. Mr. Helms noted that [ ] had gone into the [ ] affair recently when in [ ] and had thought it had been settled; however it would appear that it is cropping up again.

d. Noted he had read with a good deal of interest Mr. Helms' report on penetration of the [ ] Communist parties and directed that our instructions to the field in this regard should be reinforced. The Director also noted that he had seen very little of the results of these penetrations.

e. Noted a report from DD/P covering action taken in reducing files and integration of records and stated those connected with this program were to be complimented on an excellent job. Mr. Helms said he had in mind recommending certificates of merit and also monetary awards in some cases.

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The Director also commented that he was still concerned about the number of copies of State Department cables that must get tucked away in our files and said while he realized action had been taken to avoid this, he wanted the IG to have another look at this problem.

f. Referred to several bills introduced by members of Congress regarding the establishment of Freedom Academies and asked Mr. Barnes to look into this matter and find out whether or not these proposals cut across our activities, particularly in 5412/2 activities.

g. Noted a State cable from Vientienne (1639, dated 26 March) in which several Army Attache cables are referred to, and commented he did not recall seeing these cables. Mr. Sheldon stated he felt sure we had received these cables and undertook to obtain copies and a report of action taken for the Director.

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MR. HELMS:

Strongly recommended that no visits by CIA personnel be made to [ ] during the period of the [ ] now scheduled [ ] [ ] He said the Station would be up to its ears during this time and there would be little or no opportunity to hold conferences with visitors.

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MR. SHELDON:

Recommended that we immediately begin to consider the Agency role in furnishing support for the [ ] meeting to be held in [ ] Mr. Barnes commented that some thought had already been given to DD/P's part and the Director suggested that DD/P and DD/I discuss this further.

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